

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/728,453

Examiner

McDieunel Marc

Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 6/21/2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1, 3-11, 13-21, 23-31, 33-42, 44-53 and 55-91.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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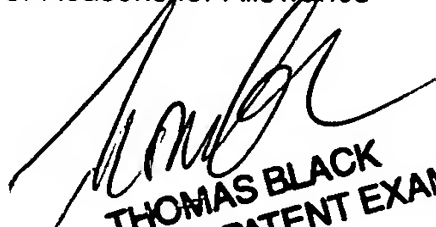
Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date 7/5/2007.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.


THOMAS BLACK
SUPERVISORY PATENT EXAMINER

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Ben Yorks, Reg., No. 33,609 on July 5th, 2007.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the claims 3, line 1, replaced [2], by -- 1 --;

In the claims 13, line 1, replaced [12], by -- 11 --;

In the claims 23, line 1, replaced [22], by -- 21 --;

In the claims 33, line 1, replaced [32], by -- 31 --;

In the claims 37, line 1, replaced [32], by -- 31 --;

In the claims 44, line 1, replaced [43], by -- 42 --;

In the claims 55, line 1, replaced [54], by -- 53 --;

In the claims 59, line 1, replaced [54], by -- 53 --.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1, 3-11, 13-21, 23-31, 33-42, 44, 53 and 55-91 are allowed.
3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art of record fail to teach or fairly suggest with respect to claims 1, 11, 31, 42, 53, a robot system having a said video image is not displayed on said remote station monitor unless the caller recipient grants the request; with respect to 21, method for accessing a robot, comprising the steps of transmitting an alert input from the remote station to the robot to request a video image of a caller recipient; and, granting the request; and, transmitting a video image from the robot to the remote station; with respect to claims 63, 79 and 86, a robot system comprising an alert input to request the video image during said voice communication, said alert input is generated from a graphical icon of a graphical user interface displayed on said remote station monitor, said graphical icon has an appearance of a horn; with respect to claim 71, a method for accessing a robot wherein a graphical icon of a graphical user interface, wherein the graphical icon has an appearance of a door knocker; and, transmitting a video image from the robot to the remote station in combination with the other elements and features of the claimed invention.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."


4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to McDieunel Marc whose telephone number is (571) 272-6964. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:30-5:00 Mon-Thu.

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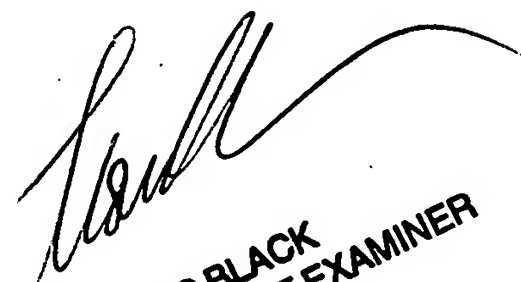
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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thomas Black can be reached on (571) 272-6956. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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